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October 25, 2006

Mr. Keith E. Williams  
President  
Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated  
333 Pfingsten Road  
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Dear Mr. Williams:

For generations the famous "UL" from Underwriters Laboratories has given Americans the independence to confidently select from a wide variety of manufacturers to meet their needs for safe appliances and other consumer products.

It is of great concern to me when the power of that same symbol is now contributing to the impediment of efforts to move Americans toward energy independence. Underwriters Laboratories refusal to establish a timetable for approval of an E-85 dispensing station threatens to jeopardize the substantial amount of progress in the development, promotion, and distribution of renewable fuels accomplished over the course of the last ten years.

This one decision not only affects existing E-85 stations here in Missouri, but also will likely adversely affect consideration of any new installations. Further, this decision may have ramifications on the future of proposed ethanol production plants as well as investments in both applied and theoretical research in the production of ethanol from bio-mass. Without a ready market for the millions of gallons of ethanol, there is little incentive for investment in this infrastructure.

The development of renewable fuels will have an extensive impact on the security, economy, and environmental well-being of this state and our nation. I therefore call on you to exercise your leadership and encourage Underwriters Laboratories staff to assemble the necessary technical assistance to resolve this issue at the earliest date possible. I join with other governors as well as members of both the United States House of Representatives and Senate to encourage Underwriters Laboratories to be part of the solution to meeting America's energy needs from domestic sources.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter of local and national importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt".

Matt Blunt